

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A print apparatus consumable purchase system comprising:

a print apparatus for printing on a print medium;

5 a display capable of displaying information concerning the print apparatus; and

a controller for displaying a status screen for representing consumption degree of a consumable used with the print apparatus on the display and displaying at least a  
10 delivery purchase button for making a request for delivery purchase of the consumable in the status screen.

2. A print apparatus consumable purchase system comprising:

15 a print apparatus for printing on a print medium;

a display capable of displaying information concerning the print apparatus; and

a controller for displaying a status screen for representing consumption degree of a consumable used with the  
20 print apparatus on the display and displaying at least a store purchase button for calling dealer information concerning a dealer dealing in the consumable in the status screen.

3. A print apparatus consumable purchase system  
25 comprising:

a print apparatus for printing on a print medium;  
a display capable of displaying information concerning  
the print apparatus; and

a controller for displaying a status screen for  
5 representing consumption degree of a consumable used with the  
print apparatus on the display and displaying one of a plurality  
of options concerning the purchase mode of the consumable in  
the status screen and an option calling button for calling the  
plurality of options in the status screen.

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4. A print apparatus consumable purchase system  
comprising:

a print apparatus for printing on a print medium;  
a display capable of displaying information concerning  
15 the print apparatus; and

a controller for determining, based on remaining amount  
of a consumable used with the print apparatus, whether  
replacement of the consumable is necessary, wherein if it is  
determined that the replacement is necessary, the controller  
20 displays one of a plurality of options concerning the purchase  
mode of the consumable on the display and an option calling  
button for calling the plurality of options on the display.

5. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as  
25 claimed in claim 4, wherein if the controller determines that

the replacement is necessary, the controller displays a status screen for representing the consumption degree of the consumable on the display and displays one of the plurality of options concerning the purchase mode of the consumable in the status screen and the option calling button for calling the plurality of options in the status screen.

6. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 5, wherein

the controller determines that the replacement is necessary when the remaining amount of the consumable becomes equal to or less than or becomes less than a predetermined threshold value.

7. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 3, wherein

when the option calling button is selected, the controller connects to a predetermined server through a network and acquires a screen displaying the plurality of options from the server and displays the screen on the display.

8. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 3, wherein

when the option calling button is selected, the controller displays the plurality of options on the display

and if any option is selected from among the plurality of options, the controller connects to a predetermined server through a network and acquires a screen corresponding to the selected option from the server and displays the screen on the display.

9. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 3, wherein

the plurality of options concerning the purchase mode of the consumable are a plurality of options including a delivery purchase button for making a request for delivery purchase of the consumable and a store purchase button for calling dealer information concerning a dealer dealing in the consumable.

10. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 1, wherein

if the delivery purchase button is selected, the controller acquires an ordering screen for ordering the consumable from a predetermined server through a network and displays the screen on the display.

11. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 9, wherein

if the delivery purchase button is selected, the

controller acquires an ordering screen for ordering the consumable from a predetermined server through a network and displays the screen on the display.

5 12. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 10, wherein

if the delivery purchase button is selected, the controller acquires a screen containing one of a selling condition input field for entering selling condition  
10 information and a selling condition disclosure field for disclosing selling condition information as the ordering screen from a predetermined server through a network and displays the screen on the display.

15 13. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 11, wherein

if the delivery purchase button is selected, the controller acquires a screen containing one of a selling condition input field for entering selling condition  
20 information and a selling condition disclosure field for disclosing selling condition information as the ordering screen from a predetermined server through a network and displays the screen on the display.

25 14. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as

claimed in claim 12, wherein at least one of in-stock and out-of-stock concerning the consumable and availability of empty vessel collection service is disclosed in the selling condition disclosure field.

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15. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 13, wherein at least one of in-stock and out-of-stock concerning the consumable and availability of empty vessel collection service is disclosed in the selling  
10 condition disclosure field.

16. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 1, wherein

if the delivery purchase button is selected, the  
15 controller acquires a screen containing a retrieval key information input field for entering user's place retrieval key information as an ordering screen for ordering the consumable from a predetermined server through a network and displays the screen on the display, and

20 the controller transmits the user's place retrieval key information entered in the retrieval key information input field to the server so as to receive place-dependent selling condition information extracted by the server based on the user's place retrieval key information and displays the  
25 received place-dependent selling condition information on the

display.

17. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 10, wherein

5 if the delivery purchase button is selected, the controller acquires a screen containing a retrieval key information input field for entering user's place retrieval key information as an ordering screen for ordering the consumable from a predetermined server through a network and  
10 displays the screen on the display, and

the controller transmits the user's place retrieval key information entered in the retrieval key information input field to the server so as to receive place-dependent selling condition information extracted by the server based on the  
15 user's place retrieval key information and displays the received place-dependent selling condition information on the display.

18. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as  
20 claimed in claim 11, wherein

if the delivery purchase button is selected, the controller acquires a screen containing a retrieval key information input field for entering user's place retrieval key information as an ordering screen for ordering the  
25 consumable from a predetermined server through a network and

displays the screen on the display, and

the controller transmits the user's place retrieval key information entered in the retrieval key information input field to the server so as to receive place-dependent selling condition information extracted by the server based on the user's place retrieval key information and displays the received place-dependent selling condition information on the display.

10 19. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 14, wherein

if the delivery purchase button is selected, the controller acquires a screen containing a retrieval key information input field for entering user's place retrieval key information as an ordering screen for ordering the consumable from a predetermined server through a network and displays the screen on the display, and

the controller transmits the user's place retrieval key information entered in the retrieval key information input field to the server so as to receive place-dependent selling condition information extracted by the server based on the user's place retrieval key information and displays the received place-dependent selling condition information on the display.



20. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 15, wherein

if the delivery purchase button is selected, the controller acquires a screen containing a retrieval key  
5 information input field for entering user's place retrieval key information as an ordering screen for ordering the consumable from a predetermined server through a network and displays the screen on the display, and

the controller transmits the user's place retrieval key  
10 information entered in the retrieval key information input field to the server so as to receive place-dependent selling condition information extracted by the server based on the user's place retrieval key information and displays the received place-dependent selling condition information on the  
15 display.

21. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 2, wherein

if the store purchase button is selected, the controller  
20 acquires a screen for providing the dealer information from a predetermined server through a network and displays the screen on the display.

22. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as  
25 claimed in claim 10, wherein

if the store purchase button is selected, the controller acquires a screen for providing the dealer information from a predetermined server through a network and displays the screen on the display.

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23. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 11, wherein

10 if the store purchase button is selected, the controller acquires a screen for providing the dealer information from a predetermined server through a network and displays the screen on the display.

15 24. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 21, wherein the dealer information contains at least one of address information and map information for locating a dealer place.

20 25. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 22, wherein the dealer information contains at least one of address information and map information for locating a dealer place.

25 26. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 23, wherein the dealer information contains at least one of address information and map information for

locating a dealer place.

27. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as  
claimed in claim 2, wherein if the store purchase button is  
5 selected,

the controller acquires a screen containing a retrieval  
key information input field for entering user's place  
retrieval key information as a screen for providing the dealer  
information from a predetermined server through a network and  
10 displays the screen on the display, and

the controller transmits the user's place retrieval key  
information entered in the retrieval key information input  
field to the server so as to receives place-dependent dealer  
information extracted by the server based on the user's place  
15 retrieval key information and displays the received  
place-dependent dealer information on the display.

28. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as  
claimed in claim 10, wherein if the store purchase button is  
20 selected,

the controller acquires a screen containing a retrieval  
key information input field for entering user's place  
retrieval key information as a screen for providing the dealer  
information from a predetermined server through a network and  
25 displays the screen on the display, and

the controller transmits the user's place retrieval key information entered in the retrieval key information input field to the server so as to receives place-dependent dealer information extracted by the server based on the user's place retrieval key information and displays the received place-dependent dealer information on the display.

29. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 11, wherein if the store purchase button is selected,

the controller acquires a screen containing a retrieval key information input field for entering user's place retrieval key information as a screen for providing the dealer information from a predetermined server through a network and displays the screen on the display, and

the controller transmits the user's place retrieval key information entered in the retrieval key information input field to the server so as to receives place-dependent dealer information extracted by the server based on the user's place retrieval key information and displays the received place-dependent dealer information on the display.

30. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 16, wherein if the store purchase button is selected,

the controller acquires a screen containing a retrieval  
key information input field for entering user's place  
retrieval key information as a screen for providing the dealer  
information from a predetermined server through a network and  
5 displays the screen on the display, and

the controller transmits the user's place retrieval key  
information entered in the retrieval key information input  
field to the server so as to receives place-dependent dealer  
information extracted by the server based on the user's place  
10 retrieval key information and displays the received  
place-dependent dealer information on the display.

31. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as  
claimed in claim 17, wherein if the store purchase button is  
15 selected,

the controller acquires a screen containing a retrieval  
key information input field for entering user's place  
retrieval key information as a screen for providing the dealer  
information from a predetermined server through a network and  
20 displays the screen on the display, and

the controller transmits the user's place retrieval key  
information entered in the retrieval key information input  
field to the server so as to receives place-dependent dealer  
information extracted by the server based on the user's place  
25 retrieval key information and displays the received

place-dependent dealer information on the display.

32. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 18, wherein if the store purchase button is  
5 selected,

the controller acquires a screen containing a retrieval key information input field for entering user's place retrieval key information as a screen for providing the dealer information from a predetermined server through a network and  
10 displays the screen on the display, and

the controller transmits the user's place retrieval key information entered in the retrieval key information input field to the server so as to receives place-dependent dealer information extracted by the server based on the user's place  
15 retrieval key information and displays the received place-dependent dealer information on the display.

33. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 19, wherein if the store purchase button is  
20 selected,

the controller acquires a screen containing a retrieval key information input field for entering user's place retrieval key information as a screen for providing the dealer information from a predetermined server through a network and  
25 displays the screen on the display, and

the controller transmits the user's place retrieval key information entered in the retrieval key information input field to the server so as to receives place-dependent dealer information extracted by the server based on the user's place  
5 retrieval key information and displays the received place-dependent dealer information on the display.

34. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in claim 20, wherein if the store purchase button is  
10 selected,

the controller acquires a screen containing a retrieval key information input field for entering user's place retrieval key information as a screen for providing the dealer information from a predetermined server through a network and  
15 displays the screen on the display, and

the controller transmits the user's place retrieval key information entered in the retrieval key information input field to the server so as to receives place-dependent dealer information extracted by the server based on the user's place  
20 retrieval key information and displays the received place-dependent dealer information on the display.

35. The print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 34, wherein the consumable  
25 is a coloring material cartridge.

36. A program for causing a computer to function as control means forming a part of a print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 34.

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37. The program according to claim 36, wherein the consumable is a coloring material cartridge.

10 38. A computer readable medium storing a program for causing a computer to function as control means forming a part of a print apparatus consumable purchase system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 34.